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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 50 pages, including 5 independent claims and 36 claims total.
2. Drawings- 5 sheets of drawings containing 6 Figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-144704, filed May 22, 2003.
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